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**Invention: METHOD OF MONITORING MEMBRANE SEPARATION PROCESSES**

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**Preliminary Amendment**

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Please amend the specification as follows:

On Page 1, before the heading "FIELD OF THE INVENTION" insert this text:

**CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED PATENT APPLICATION**

This patent application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/109,256,  
filed March 28, 2002, now pending.